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DIA review(s) completed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Evening Notes

Peruvian Acquisition of Aircraft: On August 20 [redacted]

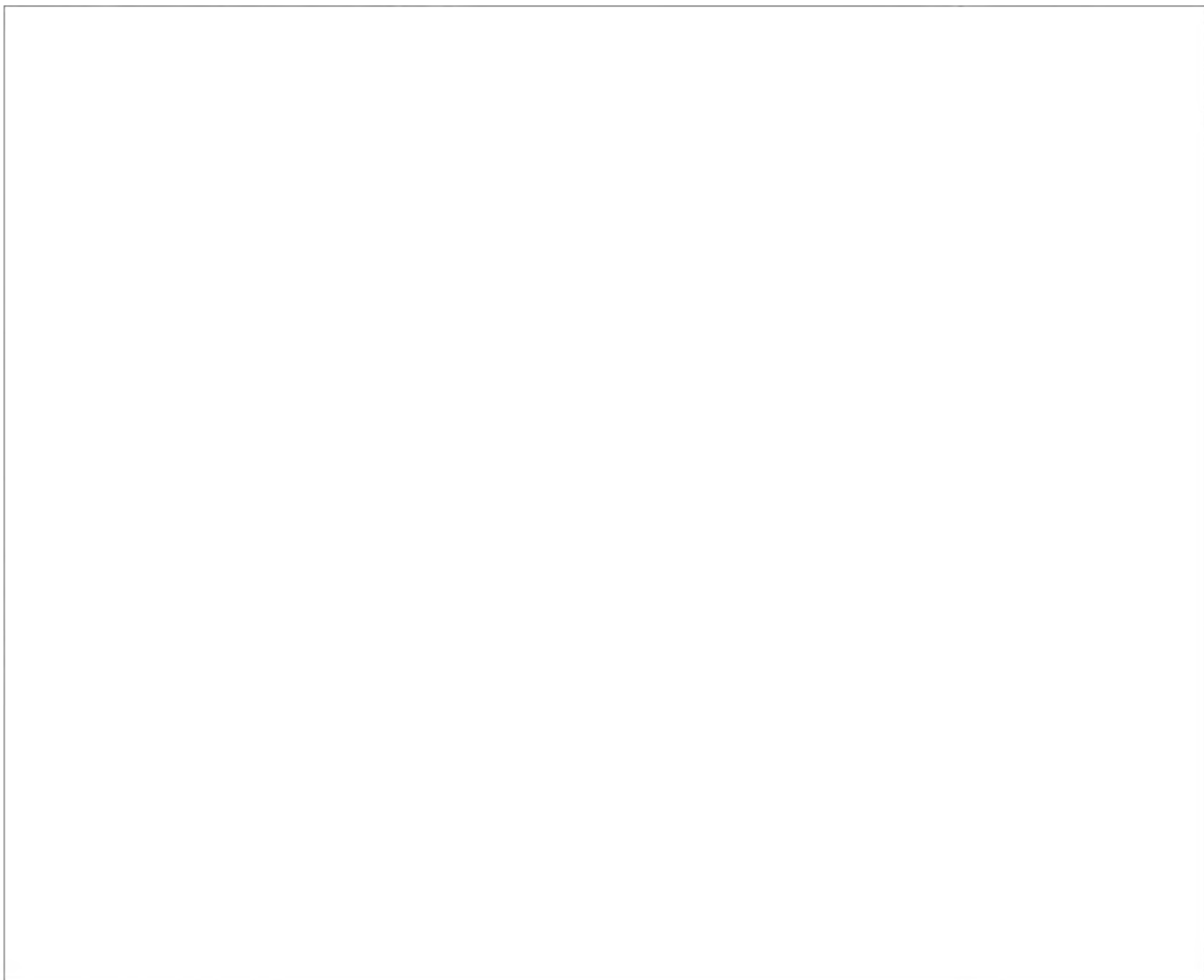
[redacted] told a member of the DAO staff "it looks like we are not going to get the Russian aircraft after all." He said they are now attempting to get the aircraft from England, that a Peruvian general is there now negotiating future purchase. He further stated "I hope we can get them from England because if we don't, we will be forced to get them from Russia, since you guys (U.S.) won't sell us any." DAO comments that the final quote is indicative of Peruvian commanders reference to perpetrate their thoughts when in reality it is not true.

[redacted] confirmed that the Peruvian air commander was traveling to the Franborough air show in September.

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The Washington Star

A NSC study and a revised five-year program for rebuilding the U.S. fleet both suggest that the age of giant, nuclear-powered aircraft carriers may be drawing to a close.

Lt. General Daniel Graham, retired military intelligence chief, says analysts rewrote an estimate of Soviet progress in missile warhead development after Henry Kissinger disagreed with their original conclusions. "I was employed at CIA when one fully coordinated National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet strategic attack systems was returned for rewrite by Dr. Kissinger because he disagreed with certain conclusions," Graham said. "It was rewritten."

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Militant pro- and anti-Castro Cuban groups in the Miami area are engaged in terrorist activities both in and outside the U.S., according to closed-door testimony before a Senate subcommittee released yesterday.

John Crewdson reports that Justice Department prosecutors have seen no evidence that the FBI's search for fugitive members of Weatherman, an underground organization, was motivated by the group's purported links to hostile foreign governments, sources close to the department's investigation of the bureau said yesterday.

Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter says he is opposed to granting foreign supersonic aircraft such as the British-French Concorde the right to operate to the U.S. He said he opposed the SST because of its "enormous consumption of energy per passenger, the enormous cost of the necessary investment and also the risks it contained for the environment, particularly its noise."

Ralph Joseph reports from Damascus that with signs of a military defeat of the Palestinians and left-wing forces in Lebanon solidifying, President Assad has been at pains to explain, to anyone who cared to listen, why he began using his forces against them, after his earlier support.

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